

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) Use of a yeast extract in the to manufacture of an oral composition to treat the effects of infection caused by enterotoxin-producing pathogens.

Claim 2 (original) The use of claim 1 wherein the effects include failure of gut epithelial integrity, diarrhea and other COX-2 mediated effects.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The use of claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the pathogen is selected from the group consisting of Clostridium difficile, Clostridium perfringens, E. coli, Leishmania donovani, Vibrio cholera, Salmonella typhimurium, Shingellae, Aeromonas hydrophila, Staphylococcus aureus, and/or enterotoxigenic Bacteroides fragilis.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended) The use of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the oral composition ~~further comprises peptones, preferably in an amount of from 0.3 to 7% by volume.~~

Claim 6 (original) The use of claim 1, wherein the peptones are hydrolysates of whey protein with an average peptide size of not greater than 5 amino acids.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The use of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the oral composition further comprises meat extract, ~~preferably in an amount of from 0.3 to 7% by volume.~~

Claim 8 (currently amended) The use of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the oral composition is an adjuvant to a medicinal treatment.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The use of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the oral composition is selected from the group consisting of an infant formula or and an enteral composition.

Claim 10 (new) The use of claim 5 wherein the peptones are present in an amount of from 0.3 to 7% by volume.

Claim 11 (new) The use of claim 7 wherein the meat extract is present in an amount of from 0.3 to 7% by volume.

Claim 12 (new) A method of producing a composition to treat an infection caused by enterotoxin-producing pathogens comprising the step of using yeast to produce a composition comprising from 0.01 to 0.5% by volume of yeast extract.

Claim 13 (new) The method of claim 12 comprising the step of producing the oral composition so that it comprises peptones.

Claim 14 (new) The method of claim 13 wherein the peptones are hydrolysates of whey protein with an average peptide size of not greater than 5 amino acids.

Claim 15 (new) The method of claim 12 comprising the step of producing the oral composition so that it comprises meat extract.

Claim 16 (new) The method of claim 12 wherein the oral composition is selected from the group consisting of an infant formula and an enteral composition.

Claim 17 (new) The method of claim 13 wherein the peptones are present in an amount of from 0.3 to 7% by volume.

Claim 18 (new) The method of claim 15 wherein the meat extract is present in an amount of from 0.3 to 7% by volume.

Claim 19 (new) A method of treatment comprising orally administering a composition to an individual having an infection caused by enterotoxin-producing pathogens comprising from 0.01 to 0.5% by volume of yeast extract.